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1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR SHAW CALLED ON ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE, AUGUST 14, TO DISCUSS AUSTRALIAN APPLICATION FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP. SHAW MADE LOW-KEY PRESENTATION EMPHASIZING THAT AUSTRALIA IS NOT INTERESTED IN CHALLENGING PRESENT ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE NOR IN EMBARRASSING CO-CHAIRMEN IN ANY WAY. MOREOVER, GOA IS NOT USING CCD APPLICATION AS DEVICE TO PRESENT "NON-ALIGNED" IMAGE, SINCE IN FACT AUSTRALIA DOES NOT REGARD ITSELF AS NON-ALIGNED. GOA IS, HOWEVER, INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION, AND ITS INTEREST HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED BY INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST. GOA BELIEVES SOUTHEAST ASIA-PACIFIC AREA IS NOT STRONGLY REPRESENTED IN CCD AND THINKS IT WOULD THEREFORE BE REASONABLE TO ADD AUSTRALIA AS SIXTH MEMBER OF CURRENT ENLARGEMENT SLATE. SHAW ASKED WHETHER AUSTRALIA'S CHANCES FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE IMPROVED IF NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF CCD MADE IT CLEAR TO SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT AUSTRALIA WITHOUT DEMANDING ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION.

2. IKLE REPLIED ALONG LINES REFTELS, NOTING THAT CONSENSUS ON ADDING FIVE NEW MEMBERS VIRTUALLY ACHIEVED AFTER MANY MONTHS OF COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS. IN OUR VIEW, IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE TO INCLUDE AUSTRALIA AS PART OF PACKAGE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE SOVIETS WOULD INSIST ON ADDING AN ALLY TO BALANCE AUSTRALIA, AND MEMBERS OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP HAVE GIVEN US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WOULD EXPECT ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION. FINALLY, IF AUSTRALIA WERE ADMITTED ON BASIS SUGGESTED BY GOA, THIS WOULD RESULT IN STRONG PRESSURES AT UNGA TO ADMIT ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES OR POSSIBLY TO RECONSTITUTE CCD ENTIRELY. USG ENGAGED IN PRESENT ENLARGEMENT TO ACHIEVE ADDITION OF FRG AND ACCEPTED FOUR OTHERS RELUCTANTLY. WE WOULD NOT FAVOR ANOTHER SIZABLE ENLARGEMENT.

3. IKLE ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH WE FELT IT NECESSARY TO GO AHEAD WITH ENLARGEMENT AS PLANNED, WE PLACE HIGH VALUE ON AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN ARMS CONTROL ACTIVITIES AND LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSE COLLABORATION IN OTHER FORUMS, INCLUDING UNGA AND, IN PARTICULAR, IN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. SHAW SAID HE WOULD REPORT US VIEW THAT FURTHER EFFORT TO ADD AUSTRALIA TO CURRENT ENLARGEMENT IS NOT FEASIBLE AND THAT US HOPES GOA WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN DISARMAMENT MATTERS INCLUDING NON-PROLIFERATION. SHAW AND IKLE AGREED TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON NON-PROLIFERATION WHEN SENIOR AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS PRITCHETT AND ROGERS ARE HERE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. KISSINGER

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